

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for cutting a glass plate, comprising a cracking means for forming a minute crack at a point on the glass plate where the cutting is started, at least one scribing means using a laser beam absorbed by the glass plate, at least one quenching means using a quenching fluid after irradiation of the laser beam, a breaking means using the laser beam, the breaking means comprising a laser oscillator, a reflection mirror and a focusing lens, ~~the apparatus further comprising: and~~

[[a]] photo mask formed with light transmission openings for transmitting a part of the laser beam to be irradiated on the glass plate instead of the focusing lens, wherein the light transmission openings are formed to prevent the laser beam being irradiated on a scribing line by the scribing means, and to symmetrically arrange the laser beam for the scribe line.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the light transmission openings are ~~symmetrically arranged for the scribe line and at the same time~~ formed for the laser beam to be split perpendicular to the scribe line.